



2018 Farmers Insurance Open

(The 12th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

San Diego, Calif.	Jan. 25-28, 2018	Purse: \$6,900,000 (\$1,242,000 to the winner)
Torrey Pines Golf Course		500 FedExCup points to winner
South Course (Host)		Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,698
North Course		Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,258

Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 26, 2018

Weather: Sunny. High of 62. Wind NW 10 mph.

36-hole cut: 77 players at 1-under 143 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Ryan Palmer	(S/N)	66-67 – 133 (-11)
Jon Rahm	(S/N)	68-66 – 134 (-10)
Luke List	(N/S)	69-66 – 135 (-9)
Tony Finau	(N/S)	65-70 – 135 (-9)
Alex Noren	(S/N)	70-66 – 136 (-8)

Ryan Palmer

Palmer started par-bogey-bogey on the North Course, but was 7-under over his last 15 holes, including eagles on Nos. 9 and 17. His total of 11-under 133 is the tournament's best 36-hole start since Tiger Woods was 11-under entering the weekend in 2013.

This is the sixth time he is a leader/co-leader after 36 holes, and the first time since the 2017 Honda Classic.

Palmer began the 2017-18 season on a Major Medical Extension, with six events available to earn the necessary 29 points to equal No. 125 J.J. Henry's 365-point total from the 2017 FedExCup points list. In his second start of the season last week at the CareerBuilder Challenge, he finished T20 and earned 37.55 points, so he has retained full eligibility through the end of the season.

Second-Round Lead Notes

The last seven winners played the North Course in the second round. Ben Crane in 2010 was the last player to play the South Course on Friday and win the Farmers Insurance Open.

Since 2000, the only two players to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory at the Farmers Insurance Open have been Phil Mickelson (2000, 2001) and Tiger Woods (2008, 2013).

Since Woods turned his 36-hole lead into a victory in 2013, the last four winners have been at least four shots off the lead at the tournament's midway point.

- 2017 – Jon Rahm (T21, trailed by 5)
- 2016 – Brandt Snedeker (T57, trailed by 8)
- 2015 – Jason Day (T6, trailed by 4)
- 2014 – Scott Stallings (T11, trailed by 5)

Through 11 events in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, four players have converted a 36-hole lead into victory, most recently Austin Cook at The RSM Classic.

Jon Rahm

Rahm carded a bogey-free 66 on the North Course and is second at 10-under. It is the best 36-hole position by a defending champion since Tiger Woods in 2008, when he led by four and went on to win by eight.

Rahm is one of three past champions in the top 10, as he's joined by three-time winner Phil Mickelson (T9/-6) and 2015 winner Jason Day (T6/-7).

The 6-under 66 was Rahm's 10th straight round under-par, dating to the first round of the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Since the start of the 2017 FedExCup Playoffs, he has six top-10s in his last seven starts.

Should Rahm go on to win, he would be the first player to successfully defend a PGA TOUR title since Brendan Steele won the 2016 and 2017 Safeway Open. The last player to win consecutive Farmers Insurance Opens was Tiger Woods (2005-2008).

With a win this week, he would supplant Dustin Johnson as the No. 1-ranked player in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Tiger Woods

After a 2-over 38 on his first nine (the back nine of the North Course), Woods birdied Nos. 1, 5 and 7 and moved to 1-under, which was inside the projected cut at the time. He bogeyed No. 8 to fall outside the cutline, but he earned a weekend tee time with a birdie on the par-5 ninth. He is T65 at 1-under 143.

Woods avoided missing the cut in consecutive starts. The only time he has missed the cut in consecutive starts as a pro was at the 2014 PGA Championship and at the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open. Overall, he has missed only 16 cuts in 315 PGA TOUR starts as a pro, including this week.

Woods owns the PGA TOUR record for most consecutive cuts made (142), a streak that started at the 1998 Farmers Insurance Open and ended after he made the cut at the 2005 Wells Fargo Championship.

The last time Woods made a cut was when he finished T10 at the 2015 Wyndham Championship. It has been 2 years, 5 months, 5 days since the second round of that tournament.

Second-Round Stats

- 3 of 14 fairways (11 of 28 total)
- 9 of 18 greens in regulation (21 of 36 total)
- 24 putts (55 total)
- 7 of 9 scrambling (10 of 15 total)

Additional Player Notes

Jason Day's bogey-free 64 on the North Course included four straight birdies on Nos. 15-18, his front nine. It is his lowest round in nine appearances at the Farmers Insurance Open, and it breaks a string of five straight rounds of even-par or worse at the tournament. Winner of the 2015 Farmers Insurance Open, Day is T6 at 7-under after missing the cut in 2016 and 2017.

Phil Mickelson, a three-time winner of the Farmers Insurance Open, carded a second-round 68 on the South Course and is T9 at 6-under. On Friday, he had 23 putts and the total distance of putts made was 166' 5".

Luke List is T3 after a second-round 66 on the South Course. It is tied for the best round on the South Course through two days, as Ted Potter Jr. and Ryan Palmer opened with rounds of 66 on Thursday. He is making his fourth start at the Farmers Insurance Open, and his only other made cut was in 2013 when he finished T68.

Tony Finau, who finished T4 at last year's Farmers Insurance Open, is T3 at 9-under after shooting 70 on the South Course. He has three top-25 finishes in five starts this season, with his best being a runner-up finish at the Safeway Open. He is currently 12th in the FedExCup.

Seven past champions are in the field:

Player	Score	Course	Position
Jon Rahm	66-67 – 133 (-10)	S/N	2nd
Brandt Snedeker	72-71 – 143 (-1)	S/N	T65
Jason Day	73-64 – 137 (-7)	S/N	T6
Scott Stallings	75-71 – 146 (+2)	S/N	MC
Tiger Woods	72-71 – 143 (-1)	S/N	T65
Nick Watney	69-73 – 142 (-2)	S/N	T47
Phil Mickelson	70-68 – 138 (-6)	N/S	T9

Scoring Averages:	R1	R2	Cumulative
North Course	71.308	71.513	71.410
South Course	71.615	72.667	72.141

Hardest/Easiest Holes (Second Round)

Hardest (South) – Par-4, No. 12 (4.449)

Easiest (South) – Par-5, No. 6 (4.526)

Hardest (North) – Par-4, No. 2 (4.321)

Easiest (North) – Par-5, No. 5 (4.397)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Ryan Palmer (South – 66), Ted Potter Jr. (South – 66), Rory Sabbatini (North – 68), Nick Watney (South – 69), Peter Uihlein (North – 68)

R2 – Jason Day (North – 64), Cameron Smith (South – 68), Jon Rahm (North – 66), Kevin Streelman (North – 68), Beau Hossler (North – 68)